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## **ORLANDO ARMED FELON SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON**

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge Mary S. Scriven today sentenced Jeffery Mack to 20 years in federal prison for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Mack was also ordered to serve 4 years on federal supervised release and to forfeit the firearm and ammunition that he possessed on the date of his arrest. Mack was found guilty by a jury on August 24, 2010.

According to court documents, an Orange County Sheriff's deputy saw Mack driving a car on August 15, 2009, and was aware that Mack did not have a driver's license. The deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but Mack refused to stop the car and tried to flee. Mack drove recklessly and crashed the car. Mack left the car, ran away, and broke into a vacant home. Witnesses testified that they saw Mack possess a handgun during the incident. Mack was found in the vacant home hiding in a closet. A loaded firearm was found near where Mack was arrested. The Sheriff's Office later determined that the car that Mack had crashed had been reported as stolen.

Mack has six prior felony convictions, including possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver (three convictions), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, delivery of

cocaine, and tampering with a witness to hinder truthful testimony with a weapon or firearm. Mack also has prior arrests for aggravated assault with a firearm and second degree murder with a firearm.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and the Orange County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Haas.

This case is being prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from ATF which is led by Special Agent in Charge, Virginia O'Brien. United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws. This case was prosecuted in coordination with State Attorney Lawson Lamar.